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AMENDMENTS TO BUILDING REGULATIONS ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

This notice is to advise of amendments to Regulation 4 and Schedule 2 of the NT Building Regulations as notified in the NT Government Gazette No. G44 on 11 November, 1998 (Copy Attached).

The amendment relates to on-site sewage disposal systems (septic tanks) and has the effect of calling up a new Code of Practice for Small On-site Sewage and Sullage Treatment Systems and the Disposal or Reuse of Sewage Effluent, November 1996 published by Territory Health Services" and to remove/not require on-site sewage disposal systems as a matter to be reported on by the Territory Health Services.

Registered Building Practitioners (Plumbers) can now approve the design and installation of septic tanks, chemical toilets and other devices for the storage or treatment of night soil in declared building areas for all classes of buildings without needing to seek Territory Health Services approval.

Section 51 of the *Building Act* allows the new amendments to not apply where a building certifier has certified in writing that substantial progress has been made on the design of a building before the commencement of the amendment.



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